

“Nurturing encompasses behaviors necessary for the healthy development of someone or something we care about, i.e., children, pets, relationships, the Earth.”

Welcome Song “Whoever You Are, We Welcome You” Hal Walker

Whoever you are, we welcome you.

Wherever you come from, we welcome you.

Whomever you love, we welcome you.

Welcome Suzyn Mills, worship leader

Prelude “Grandmother's Minuet,” Lyric Pieces Op.68, No.2 Edvard Grieg

Randall Kidder, pianist

Chalice Lighting by Claudette Olivia

Special Music “These Are the Things That Count” Amy Bernon and William Fienup

Performed by the **FUUSM Choir**, directed by **Martha Webster**,
accompanied by **Randall Kidder**

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Opening Hymn #404** “What Gift Can We Bring” words and music by Jane Marshall
in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Story for All Ages *Happy Mother’s Day & Everyday Heroes Song* OmoBerry

Sending Song “Go Now in Peace” Natalie Sleeth, words and music

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.

May the spirit of love surround you

Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Collection of Offerings

Offertory “Lullaby” Isak Roux

Reading “What Did I Do Today” author unknown

Reflection *The Gift of Nurturing* Deborah Singer Pires

***Closing Hymn #301** “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky” words and music by
in *Singing the Living Tradition* Grace Lewis-McLaren

Benediction

Postlude “Linus and Lucy” Vince Guaraldi

Announcements

Facebook Live ends

Joys and Sorrows (Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

Closing Words / Extinguishing the Chalice

***** Welcome! We’re glad you’re here! *****

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka** and **Lela Erb**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey** and **Ralph Olander**; our Design & Decoration team, **Martha McGovern** and **Stephanie “Squish” Rector**; today’s Coffee Hour volunteers, **Adeline Bailey**, **Shari Ballantyne**, and **Beth Lepore**; today’s host, **Dawn Hewitt**, and greeters, **Stephanie “Squish” Rector** and **Joey Thomas**; today’s collection counter, **Ellen Bond**; the **FUUSM Choir**, under the direction of **Martha Webster**, accompanied by our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; today’s worship leader, **Suzyn Mills**; and our guest speaker, **Deborah Singer Pires**.

If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today’s host, Dawn.

Announcements

REMEMBER: NO SERVICE HERE NEXT WEEK. Instead, we will meet at the UU Fellowship of Athens, at 184 Longview Heights Rd, Athens, OH. [Meet at FUUSM at 9:15 to carpool.](#) Potluck lunch at noon, then a singalong from 1–2:30.

Today

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

- Noon, UU+ Women's Reading group, Parkersburg Country Club
- 3:30 p.m., **Rosebuds** meet via Zoom.
- 3:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop meets in the social hall.

Wednesday, May 14

- 6 p.m., **Women's Group potluck**, social hall, hosted by Diana Bonnell and Maggie Meyer

Saturday, May 17

- 9:30–10:30 a.m., **Tai Chi for beginners**, social hall (Darryl Ting)
- 10:30 a.m., **Tai Chi reunion**, social hall.

Sunday, May 18

- **NO SERVICE AT FUUSM.**
- 11 a.m., **Folk Music Service at the UU Fellowship of Athens**, 184 Longview Heights Road, Meet at FUUSM at 9:15 to carpool.
- Noon, **potluck at UU Fellowship of Athens**
- 1-2:30 p.m., **folk music singalong at UU Fellowship of Athens.**

FUUSM Office hours: Mon., Tu., Th., Fri. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (740) 373-1238,
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FUUSM Affirmation

We, the members and friends of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta:

- *Support the free and disciplined search for truth as the center of religious community and encourage an acceptance of pluralistic views;*
- *Recognize our Judeo-Christian heritage as well as other traditions and seek lasting values and new insights;*
- *Affirm, defend, and promote the equality, worth, and dignity of every person;*
- *Strive for a world community of love, justice, and peace;*
- *Support the democratic process and mutual respect in all human relationships;*
- *Cherish the universe and its resources and recognize the unity of all life.*

Sunday, May 11, 2025

The Gift of Nurturing



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Open minds. Loving hearts. Helping hands.